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SUBJECT: U.S. POSITION TOWARD SENKAKUS

REF: A. TOKYO 6507; B. SEOUL 3092

1. PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY OWADA TOLD DCM APRIL 17 THAT FUKUDA'S REFERENCE IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR (REF A) TO U.S. HAVING EXPRESSED "UNDERSTANDING" OF JAPANESE POSITION TOWARD SENKAKUS RELATED TO MAY 1971 CONVERSATION BETWEEN SECRETARY ROGERS AND FONMIN AICHI IN PARIS. ACCORDING TO JAPANESE RECORDS, ROGERS NOTED THAT, WHILE U.S. COULD NOT ISSUE FORTHRIGHT STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR JAPANESE CLAIM, FOR REASONS RELATING AT THAT TIME TO U.S. RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN, IN FACT U.S. UNDERSTOOD FULLY JAPANESE POSITION.

2. OWADA ADDED, ON "PERSONAL BASIS", THAT HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT FOR U.S. AND JAPAN TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION CANDIDLY. JAPANESE UNDERSTOOD DELICACY OF U.S. POSITION, AND WHY IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT SUCH CAREFUL FORMULATIONS AS STATEMENT THAT OUR ADMINISTRATION HAD "NOT ADDED TO OR SUBTRACTED FROM" PRIOR LEGAL CLAIMS TO SENKAKUS. AT SAME TIME, OWADA HOPED THAT IN OUR PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, BOTH SIDES WOULD PRESENT RESPECTIVE POINTS

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OF VIEW FRANKLY, AS FRIENDS AND PARTNERS IN MATURE DIALOGUE. HE HOPED THAT SITUATION COULD BE TREATED IN THAT MANNER SHOULD IT ARISE DURING FUKUDA VISIT.

3. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH OWADA THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO SPEAK FRANKLY WITH EACH OTHER ON THIS QUESTION. JAPANESE APPARENTLY RECOGNIZE THAT OUR PUBLIC POSITION WILL HAVE TO

REMAIN AMBIVALENT. THEY MAY WELL SEEK OUR VIEWS IN
PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, HOWEVER, OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY
IMPLICATIONS OF CHINESE ACTIONS, FOR JAPAN AND REGION, AND
WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND FULLY.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO SEOUL.
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